



## **Planner to oversee water initiative**

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Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel announced Friday that Gerard Santoro, the county's senior planner of environment, will be program manager for land and water resources to oversee his Blue Economy Initiative.

Santoro will continue to work for the county's department of planning and economic development. He was reassigned to oversee Hackel's water initiative for the Clinton River and Lake St. Clair.

The initiative was discussed Friday with business leaders at a marine business forum in Harrison Township. The idea includes providing more access to the waterways, developing greenways along the north branch of the river and using floodplains as nature and mountain biking trails to connect the southern and northern parts of the county. It also includes paddling trails along the river and coastal lake.